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WAITING LIST OF TELEPHONE CONNECTION IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applicants in waiting list for telephone connections in Kerala circle, SSA wise;

(b) whether any steps has been taken by the Government to clear the waiting list; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A PRADHAN)

(a) The total number of applicants in waiting list for telephone connections in Kerala Circle is 469661. SSA wise details are given below:-

Name of SSA	Waiting List as on 31.7.2003
Alleppey	31165
Calicut	61611
Cannanore	87810
Ernakulam	46133
Kottayam	22141
Malappuram	83926
Palghat	35249
Pathanamthitta	3633
Quilon	49576
Trichur	27486
Trivandrum	20931
Total	469661

(b) & (c): In Kerala Telecom Circle, BSNL has planned a tentative Direct Exchange Line (DELs) target of 8.0 lakh lines during 2003-04 to clear the waiting list. A total of 121646 net new telephone connections have been provided during 2003-04, upto 31.7.2003. Telephone connections are provided on demand in all SSA headquarters in the circle.